

DALLAS.

Gambler Kain Transfers His Vast Property for Forty Thousand Dollars.

T. E. Humphries Assassinated in a Brawl With Desperate Companions.

Special to the Gazette.

DALLAS, June 17.—Deeds were last night placed on record showing that the rumors that Wm. J. Kain, the well known gambler, had disposed of his property in Dallas and fled the country were correct. His hands are regarded as worthless. The transfers are made to J. B. Wilson, a wealthy cattleman, and state the consideration to be \$40,000 cash, but the general belief is that from the large amount sold, including several of the finest business buildings and unoccupied sites in the city, that the property brought a great deal more than that. But that Kain wishes to make it appear that he suffered a great sacrifice of his property. Among the transfers by Kain to Wilson is the fine building in which the Dallas Herald office is located.

At the Union Stock Yards saloon in East Dallas, about midnight last night, F. E. Humphries, a desperate character and indicted numerous in this county as a cattle-thief, was assassinated, either by Jim Hunnicutt or Joe Polser, equally as disreputable and desperate characters as himself. From the best information obtainable, it appears that the tragedy grew out of a cattle-stealing controversy yesterday afternoon, at which Jim Hunnicutt, Joe Polser, F. E. Humphries and John Herndon were present, and during which Humphries is alleged to have accused Polser of stealing a cow. Polser is an ex-convict from Dallas county, having served three years at Huntsville for cattle-stealing and returned to Dallas something over a year ago.

The trouble yesterday afternoon was adjusted and all hands took a drink at Polser's expense, and apparently a permanent peace was concluded, and the parties separated. About midnight the parties met again in the same place, and Humphries renewed the abuse of Polser, regarding the cattle-stealing charge, and a collision was imminent, when friends readjusted matters and Polser set up the drinks all around once more. Polser then informed the party that he had done everything of a convivial character that he intended to do, and that if any dissatisfaction existed they could all go to hell. He then started to leave the saloon, when Humphries felled him with a chair as he stood near the door. Almost simultaneously with this assault a pistol shot rang out from outside the saloon, and Humphries fell with a bullet penetrating his breast, passing through his body, making his exit near the spine. Polser walked into the saloon, laid his pistol with three empty chambers behind the bar, and remarked: "He'll never cut anybody else." Humphries was immediately placed under the care of two surgeons, but he died in about an hour. Before expiring he made an ante-mortem statement to the effect that Jim Hunnicutt did the shooting and that he (Humphries) saw him fire the shot from outside the saloon. Hunnicutt fled at the time of the shooting and has not yet been apprehended.

Joe Polser declares that Hunnicutt is innocent of the shooting, and that he himself killed Humphries in self-defense. The general impression is, however, that Polser is the real assassin and that Hunnicutt is endeavoring to shield him from prosecution or fix things so he can not be convicted on account of the clashing of testimony should the case come to trial. A coroner's jury to-day returned the following verdict: "We, the jury, find that deceased came to his death on the night of June 16, A. D. 1884, from the effects of a gunshot wound that entered his right breast about two inches below a line between the nipples and came out at a point about two inches above the right hip; but we fail to agree as to who did the shooting." This verdict is verbatim the only one on record where a coroner's jury hung. Three of the jury were in favor of finding a verdict in accordance with the dying declaration of Humphries, while the other three were in favor of basing their verdict on the testimony of the eye-witnesses. The grand jury took up the case this morning, and the same witnesses who testified before the coroner's jury were taken before them.

Both parties to the shooting belong to what is known as the "Boysen gang," and they are known as tough citizens. They have devoted most of their time and talent to getting into and getting out of scrapes of various kinds. Polser has served one term in the pen, for cattle theft, and has been in no end of fights. Humphries, who is deceased, bore a number of scars made by knives or pistol balls. He raised a row at a dance at the Long Branch, about a year ago, and got a bullet through his side from a pistol in the hands of a boy he was trying to bulldoze. Hunnicutt, who Humphries believed fired the fatal shot, is also a member of the "Boysen gang," and he enjoys a reputation as a tough which will lose none of its luster by comparison with the toughest. He is now under indictment for shooting Richard Douglas, an humble and inoffensive negro, simply because the negro was a witness in a case pending against him for alleged theft of horses from Adam Bergmann and for shooting the latter. Douglas was scrubbing the floor of the stockyard saloon when he was shot from the outside. He survived the wound, and says that he plainly saw Hunnicutt when he shot him. Public sentiment in Dallas is that it would be a good thing for the community if the Boysen gang would get up a row among themselves of which there would be no survivors. The grand jury would receive no word of censure if it should fail to go slow on the present investigation and "let nature take its course," and the world trust to the "survival of the fittest."

Judge A. T. Watts of the commission court of appeals is in the city attending United States court. The commissioners of appeals, now in session at Austin, will on Monday next adjourn for the summer vacation and reconvene on the first Monday in October.

G. W. Ely, traveling passenger agent of the Sunset route, is in the city in the interest of his line. An Ellis county negro was arrested here and taken back to Waxahachie jail, to answer to the charge of robbing on Saturday last, Joseph Blakey, at Ennis, of \$40 in cash.

dangerously. Mr. McComas came to Dallas to-day and invested a portion of his cash balance in a small stock of shingles.

The Dallas firemen, Meine Bros. band, a large party of ladies and gentlemen, and "Old Tige" steamer No. 1, left for Fort Worth to-day. "Old Tige" is expected to squirt that principal prize over to Dallas.

Mr. Frank Doremus, formerly on the correspondence staff of the Galveston News in Texas, and since the opening of the present session a congressional committee clerk and newspaper correspondent at Washington, last night returned to Dallas and is to assume a position on the editorial staff of the Dallas Herald.

Miss Sallie Jacoby, who has been a teacher in the public schools in Galveston for the past year, arrived home this evening to spend vacation, accompanied by her sister, Miss Mollie, who went to the Island City a few days ago.

Misses Stella and Addie White and Sallie Evans, daughters and granddaughter of Judge Alex. White of this city returned yesterday from Augusta Female seminary, Staunton, Va., where they have been for the past three years.

Mr. H. M. Bryant has completed the school map of Dallas county, which is divided into fifty districts. The city school board organized with L. M. Martin as president and E. M. Tillman as secretary. The board has determined on employing nineteen teachers in the public free schools of the city the coming scholastic year. The board will also expend \$2,500 to inclose all the school buildings with iron fences. A school superintendent is considered necessary, and the board will to-night ask the city council for permission to appoint such an official. Several applications are on file for the position, some from persons at home and others from abroad.

Two deputy sheriffs to-night brought in and jailed Hunnicutt, whom they captured in the eastern part of the county, on the charge of killing F. E. Humphries. Hunnicutt declares he is innocent. Joe Polser, who claims to have done the killing in self-defense, is also in jail.

WICHITA FALLS.

Cattle Prohibited from Being Driven Through the Reservation.—Notes.

Special to the Gazette.

WICHITA FALLS, June 17.—A letter from P. B. Hunt, Indian agent, dated April 29, 1884, to Lieut. Punamsee of the Indian police, was sent to Dr. H. A. Lewis of this place, with a request to have it published, and was to-day shown to your correspondent by Dr. Lewis. Mr. Hunt orders the lieutenant to see that no cattle brought on the railroad to Wichita Falls be driven through the Comanche and Kiowa reservations, and to use such force as is necessary to carry out the order. Cattlemen will see from this that they must continue to drive on the old trail through the Panhandle.

Mr. Hossack of San Antonio, the auctioneer who officiated at the original sale of town lots here, will be up again on Thursday of this week to make an auction sale of a number of shorthorn cattle for Knott Brothers of this place.

Though the weather is warm business is fair.

Shipping of beef cattle to Chicago has begun in earnest and seventeen car loads were shipped yesterday.

LADONIA.

The Town Visited by a Severe and Damaging Storm.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

LADONIA, June 13.—About 5 o'clock this evening our town was visited by a storm, which lasted about half an hour, and did considerable damage. The wind was in the northeast, and blew southwest. At first, a dust storm completely hid houses from view, and was soon followed by rain, hail and wind, which blew the sheet-iron roof off of the large brick storehouse that is owned and occupied by Redner & Evans; the parapet front of J. T. Christian's drug store, and the Miller building, occupied by the Sentinel and St. Williams, a barber. It also moved the Baptist church, and school building partly off of their blocks, and did much damage to fruit and shade trees around the square, though no one was hurt, so far as is now known to your correspondent, nor have we learned to what extent the damage is in the country.

Prof. Jones & Foster's school closed to-day, and they were to give an exhibition, but the damage done their house by the storm caused them to postpone until to-morrow night.

WACO.

Nichols & Robertson of Crawford Assign—Damage Suit Decided.

Special to the Gazette.

WACO, June 17.—Nichols & Robertson, dealers in general merchandise at Crawford, in this county, made an assignment to-day for the benefit of creditors. Liabilities \$63,850. A full schedule of the assets is not prepared yet, but it is said to nearly equal the liabilities. The principal creditors are in Waco, Galveston, Dallas, Fort Worth and St. Louis. C. A. Sturgis of Waco is assignee.

In the district court to-day the suit of a negro woman for \$10,000 damage against the Houston & Texas Central Railroad company for ejecting from the ladies' coach on that road was decided in favor of the railroad company.

The sale of privileges at the Waco Driving park for the Fourth of July took place to-day and brought \$600.

Toyah.

Special to the Gazette.

TOYAH, June 17.—It is understood the Texas & Pacific will at once commence to ship out the accumulation of freight for El Paso and western points via Fort Worth and the northern route. The Sunset road will use the same route to get rid of their accumulation.

The washout between Sierra Blanco and El Paso will be repaired as soon as the water recedes, which now prevents any promise in that direction. The transfer is now made daily of passengers, mail and express.

A hail, wind and rain storm passed over Toyah to-day, doing no damage. "Free grass" and the old ticket seems to be the great desire of the people here.

Col. Platt's Death.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 17.—A private dispatch states Col. Edward A. Platt of the United States army, adjutant-general of the department of Missouri, died at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, this morning after a brief illness.

TILDEN'S EXECUTOR.

A Desire to Have Him Hunted Up and Nominated.

Judge Wheeler's Candidacy—A Brief Sketch of His Life and Public Services.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

BAIRD, June 14.—"They say Tilden is politically dead. I am hunting for his executor. I want to vote for him."

The thought contained in this expression epitomizes the unspoken regrets of Democrats all over the land. If the party has the grace to know its hour, the Chicago convention will not fail to utilize this spontaneity of popular feeling by selecting a candidate in acknowledged sympathy with the governmental methods represented by him. The party should put itself upon the country squarely upon the issues of reform and a tariff for revenue only. The Democratic party is practically a party of free-trade, or it is nothing—but Caesar aut nullius. We have important state issues involved in the coming canvass, but compared with these, they are but as dust in the balance.

The disposition of the school lands is here, as elsewhere, the absorbing question of the hour. It is to-day the "sick man" of Texas, and the political savans of the state are studious to find and administer the healing draught. May Esculapius and all his ministering gods of the healing heart grant us a safe deliverance from the hands of the quacks who are vending their nostrums up and down the state. The views of Judge Wheeler, as given in the recently published interview by the GAZETTE's attaché, are indorsed by the best thought among the parties most nearly interested. The frequent mention of his name in connection with the office of attorney-general by journals and public men in other portions of the state, together with almost the unanimous indorsement he has received in this section, has drawn these views into the arena of discussion. There are few public men more widely known in Western and Northwestern Texas than Judge Wheeler. Having knowledge of the salient facts in connection with his public career, I give a brief sketch for the benefit of those in East and Southeast Texas to whom they may not be familiar.

The late Benton Wheeler is a native of Alabama, from whence his mother, his father having previously died, emigrated to Hays county, Texas, in 1854. He lived there until the beginning of the war, occupying his time in attending the schools of the neighborhood and laboring on the farm for the support of his widowed mother. He was opposed to secession, making his first public appearance in a speech arraigning the policy of the act. However, when the war trump called the young men of the South to arms, he obeyed the summons with alacrity, rising from the ranks to the captaincy of his company. Removing to Austin after the close of the war, he was elected to the office of county-attorney of Travis county, from which position he was removed contemporaneously with Gov. Throckmorton as "an impediment to reconstruction." He was three times elected mayor of Austin, each time by increased majorities, and was the incumbent of that position during the critical and trying period known to Texans of that day as the "Coke-Davis war." His efficiency in quelling mobs and giving general peace and quiet to the city was much the occasion of a series of complimentary resolutions by the assembling legislature. In 1877 he resigned his position on account of failing health, and removed to Breckinridge, where he has since resided. He is now closing his first term of four years as district judge.

The prominence given his name is the result of a spontaneous popular choice, with which the politicians have neither art nor part. Should he be placed upon the state ticket, the bar and the people will part with him with regret, but his well-wishers will feel within themselves all the promises of victory which come from the candidacy of a man who has never known defeat. In his position of attorney-general, if assigned thereto by the choice of his party, the actual settlers of the land would be assured of one vote on the land board in the interest of a safe conservatism.

KYLE.

Arrested for Horse Stealing—A Madman Captured—Social Notes.

Special to the Gazette.

KYLE, Tex., June 17.—Fayette Massey, a young man living near this town, was arrested here this evening by Deputy Sheriff John Nolan and taken to the Hays county jail to await the action of the Blanco county authorities, where he is wanted for horse stealing. He is the same man who was released from jail a short time ago on bond for horse stealing in this county.

A German wedding in high life occurred at Plum creek near here yesterday. The event was celebrated in true German style.

James Elliot, a young man twenty-one years old, while in bathing near Dupree yesterday was seized with a cramp and drowned before he could be rescued.

Yesterday morning at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. S. C. Glasscock was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Manlove, Rev. Thos. H. Storrs officiating. The contracting parties are among our first families, and they departed immediately for Houston, Galveston and other points of interest on a bridal tour.

Sheriff Field of Caldwell county and several of his deputies were in town to-night on important business.

Superintendent Herrin informed your reporter yesterday that the freight depot at this town would soon be enlarged and a new passenger depot built.

Threshing is about ready to begin. LATER—A madman by the name of Dan Nelly was arrested near here by Sheriff Field and deputy of Caldwell county. The madman claimed to be the high sheriff of Hays county and had been frightening people nearly to death in Caldwell county for some time past. The stranger displayed in his arrest was worthy the skill of any officer or officers.

The shipping from this point is being increased daily and a large freight depot is necessary to prove equal to the increase.

A pleasant social party is given at the residence of Mrs. Davis to-night.

The festive small boys of St. Augustine, Fla., go gopher-hunting when other pursuits are slow.

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